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### Cal/EPA

#### **California Air Response Planning Alliance (CARPA) Training**

The California Air Response Planning Alliance (CARPA) invites you to its first interdisciplinary training summit on air quality issues in emergency response. This training summit will give you the opportunity to learn about: challenges and successes of deploying a network of air monitors as well as how to access them as a resource; how modeling is conducted and what the outcomes mean; how to interpret the information using the various health indices available; how to become integrated into the incident response system; and how to develop effective and coordinated messages to the public in a rapidly evolving emergency situation. The focus of the training summit will be on large air releases of toxic industrial chemicals and materials, and wildland and industrial fires.

**When:** October 15-16, 2008

**Where:** Sacramento, California Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza

**Fee:** \$125

For additional information, go to <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/carpa/08/>

#### **APSA Training Development and Delivery Delay**

Cal/EPA has finalized the training development contract with the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) within OES. In finalizing the development and delivery timeframes, CSTI had to deal with a shortage of internal resources and also with qualified technical aboveground storage tank (AST) resources. As a result, the initial

training development and delivery time frame agreed to and presented to CUPAs has been delayed significantly. Additionally, 73 CUPAs indicated in their grant development timeline that inspections would not begin until the spring of 2009 and later. Most CUPAs will not begin inspections until January 2010. The revised timeline has training commencing in March 2009. While this is a significant delay over the initial plan, it is closer to actual use and may therefore actually be of benefit to the majority of the CUPAs.

Cal/EPA has agreed with the CUPA Forum Board and the UPAAG to make the course curriculum available as soon as it is finalized so that CUPAs can use the contents for continued program development guidance. The APSA Training Work Group will be integral in the review of the curriculum at several stages of development through the late summer and fall 2008 and can release portions as developed to help in this effort. Contact: John Paine, [jpaine@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:jpaine@calepa.ca.gov), 916-327-5092

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

#### **2008 Verification Questionnaire & Manifest Assessment Mailing Delayed**

DTSC is briefly delaying the annual mailing of the 2008 Verification Questionnaire and Fees Assessment, in an effort to improve the quality of our customer service and increase the efficiency of our operations. DTSC is simplifying the documentation and streamlining the fee processing in an effort to reduce costs and provide improved service to our EPA ID and manifest fee payers. The verification questionnaire and fee assessments are typically mailed in early June, but the process improvement efforts have delayed the mailing until late summer or early fall. Please encourage businesses to check our website for updated information at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). Contact our Telephone Information Center at (800) 618-6942.

#### **Permit By Rule (PBR) for the Treatment of Aqueous Wastes Containing Cyanide**

DTSC submitted the final rulemaking package for the Permit by Rule for the Treatment of Aqueous Wastes Containing Cyanide to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on May 28, 2008. The regulations also amend the Permit By Rule Notification forms (California Code of Regulations, title 27, division 3, subdivision 1) to include the newly proposed permit by rule waste and treatment process combinations. A full description of the rulemaking is found on the following DTSC's Web pages:

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Cyanide\\_Proposed.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Cyanide_Proposed.cfm) and  
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Second\\_15DayPN\\_Cyanide.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Second_15DayPN_Cyanide.cfm).

Generally, OAL has 30 working days to approve or disapprove a regulation after it has been submitted to OAL for review (Government Code section 11349.3.). Weekends and state holidays are not considered working day. When the OAL makes their decision on or about July 10, 2008, DTSC will send message to the listserv subscribers informing the subscribers of the decision. If approved, OAL will file the approved regulations with the Secretary of State and the regulations will become effective 30 calendar days after filing.

This advance notice provides additional time to the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) who may have additional work in respond to these regulations once effective. For example, CUPAs may need to update their Unified Program Consolidated Form Permit By Rule Page to include the new waste and treatment process combinations. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Evelia Rodriguez at (916) 322-3810 or email [erodrigu@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:erodrigu@dtsc.ca.gov).

### **State Water Resources Control Board**

#### **CUPA Quarterly and Semi-Annual Reporting (Report 6)**

For the October - December 2007 quarter, 96 CUPAs and PAs (95% of the 101 CUPAs/PAs) submitted quarterly reports (Report 6, Title 27 regulations). UST inspections for Significant Operational Compliance (SOC) totaled 3,422, compared to the previous quarters 2,369 inspections. Local agencies reported that 70% of inspected facilities were in SOC with release detection requirements, 72% were in SOC with release prevention requirements, and 64% were in SOC with both release detection and release prevention requirements. CUPAs issued 11 Red Tags during this quarter.

As of December 31, 2007, there were 15,364 UST facilities; 36,688 active and 125,781 closed petroleum USTs; and 2,879 active and 20,977 closed hazardous substance USTs. At the end of the October – December 2007 quarter, the following UST or facility numbers were reported: 80 fewer petroleum USTs, 21 fewer hazardous substance USTs, and 47 fewer UST facilities.

For the July - December 2007 semi-annual period, 92% of the CUPAs/PAs submitted quarterly reports (Report 6, Title 27 regulations). UST inspections for Significant Operational Compliance (SOC) totaled 5,791. Local agencies reported that 67% of inspected facilities were in SOC with release detection requirements, 70% were in SOC with release prevention requirements, and 64% were in SOC with both release detection and release prevention requirements. CUPAs issued 21 Red Tags during this 6 month period.

UST Program Contact: Terry Snyder (tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5385).

### **Red Tag Quarterly Reporting**

For the October – December 2007 quarter, 6 CUPAs issued 11 Red Tags [Humboldt (1), Los Angeles (6), Napa (2), San Bernardino (1), Shasta (1), and City of El Segundo (1)].

The specific violations cited were as follows:

- 1) 7 violations for conditions at the UST facility threaten to cause a liquid release (Ch. 16, Sec. 2637)
- 2) 3 violation for conditions at the UST facility impair the ability to detect a leak [Ch.16, Sec. 2636(f)(2)]
- 3) 1 violation for a chronic violation or recalcitrant facility operator/owner.

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### **Governor's Office of Emergency Services**

#### **Continuing Challenge**

- Register for the 2008 Continuing Challenge: [www.hazmat.org](http://www.hazmat.org).
- Workshop held September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- 100 classes
- This year's theme is — "Routine to the Catastrophic ...Looking Beyond the Obvious."

#### **Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)**

- Download the new 2008 ERG from: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/erg/guidebook.htm>
- For hard copies contact Fred Mehr at (916) 845-8754 or [fred.mehr@oes.ca.gov](mailto:fred.mehr@oes.ca.gov)

#### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant**

- Submit HMEP Grant Application for fiscal year 2008/2009 to your respective LEPC NOW for Approval
- Submission deadline to OES is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Any HMEP questions (Documentation, reimbursement, guidelines, etc.) please contact Ronald Olguin, HMEP Coordinator, at (916) 845-8765 or [ronald.olguin@oes.ca.gov](mailto:ronald.olguin@oes.ca.gov).

#### **Safety Alert**

- New SAFETY ALERT on Anhydrous ammonia and propane cylinders. CAUTION! The brass valve in propane cylinder will be damaged if it comes in contact with anhydrous ammonia. This deterioration will lead to cracking of the valve body or its components and can ultimately result in a violent, unexpected explosion of the valve from the cylinder, causing personal injury or death.

### **Training**

- On July 23, 2008, OES is providing one-on-one technical assistance to NAPA County Environmental Management CUPA on the Business Plan, Spill Release Reporting, and the CalARP programs
- OES is available to provide Business Plan, Area Plan, Spill Release Reporting, and CalARP technical assistance *at* individual CUPA offices.
- Contacts
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### **WISER 4.1**

2008 Emergency Response Guidebook information is integrated in the new release of WISER. In addition, an ERG Tool is also available in the Windows and Windows Mobile versions of WISER. WISER provides a comprehensive electronic version of the 2008 ERG with powerful search capabilities. Visit:  
<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>

### **Office of the State Fire Marshal**

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